

Geographic Area Coordinating Group Advisory Council

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To: Chair, National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

Chairs, Geographic Area Coordinating Groups

From: Chair, Geographic Area Coordinating Group Advisory Council

Subject: Incident Management Team Member Application Consistency

It is the goal of the Geographic Area Coordinating Group Advisory Council (GACGAC) to increase Geographic Area consistency and efficiency with Incident Management Team (IMT) member application and selection timelines across Geographic Areas.

It is the decision of the GACGAC that all Geographic Area Coordinating Groups/Geographic Area Boards will utilize the Incident Command Application (ICAP) program for IMT recruitment and selection to the extent possible. Incident Commander selections, timelines, and process will be at the discretion of each GA Coordinating Group. It is the discretion of the each Coordinating Group to implement guidelines, priorities and process for the application period and how often IMT applicants and IC's must apply.

Each GACG agrees to identify a Point of Contact (POC) for their respective Geographic Area to monitor the GA IMT applicants who apply outside their home GA and those who apply from another GAs. This POC will be utilized by other GAs to facilitate selection of applicants outside their own GA. All guidelines for applying inside and outside the GA are at the discretion of the Geographic Area Coordinating Group.

Two application periods will be utilized and EAST and WEST:

WESTERN AREA – includes: NW, CA, NR, RM, GB, AK, SW

EASTERN AREA – includes: EA, SA

Western window:

Propose open ICAP October thru Jan 15^h with IMT selections completed by Feb 28.

Eastern window:

Propose open ICAP September 1-30 – selections completed by Oct 1-31.

Questions should be directed to the appropriate Geographic Area Coordinating Group Chair.

/s/ Doug Alexander, Chair